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"Our goal was to leave Arizona better than we found it. There's little doubt that Arizona is better off now than eight years ago. We kept our promises to the men and women who hired us: Arizonans. In 2014, I told the residents of this great state exactly what we were going to accomplish, and we delivered. We've become a jobs juggernaut with opportunity for all. With that hefty playbook, Arizona's best days are ahead."

Governor Doug Ducey





Under Governor Doug Ducey's leadership, Arizona has been a national leader in policy innovation. From the largest tax cut in Arizona history to unlocking the doors to a quality education for every K-12 student to a booming economy and balanced checkbooks, Governor Ducey delivered on his promises for Arizonans.

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21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

In 2014: Before Governor Ducey took office, Arizona's economy had only recovered a little more than half of the jobs it had lost during the Great Recession. Arizona's tax code was complicated and Arizonans and businesses were paying too much. Furthermore, taxpayers were burdened with unnecessary regulation, raising their costs even higher.



"When I came into office, our economy was flat on its back, and Arizona had a \$1 billion budget deficit. They were tough times. Flash forward to today, and you can see that Arizona has completely transformed. Anyone who wants to work can find a good, high-paying job. We tightened our belts and came out better positioned than ever before in our state's history."

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Pro-business environment: Under Governor Ducey's leadership, Arizona has diversified and revitalized its economy making it no longer a flyover state for the biggest and most innovative companies looking to expand. Arizona is the destination.

- Today, Arizona has thousands of jobs in industries that had little to no presence in our state 10 years ago: electric cars; cybersecurity; autonomous vehicles; artificial intelligence.
- And we have thousands more jobs in industries Arizona is known for, like semiconductors and advanced manufacturing.
- These are the technologies of the future, and the leading companies in those fields are all choosing Arizona.
- Names like: Nikola, Intel, Taiwan Semiconductor, Lucid Motors, ElectraMeccanica, and LG Energy Solution. All these companies have moved to or expanded in our state.
- Governor Ducey in 2021 signed historic legislation and an amended tribal-state gaming compact that modernized gaming in Arizona and provided millions of dollars in revenue for critical state needs.



Streamlined tax system: Governor Ducey has reformed and cut taxes every year he's been in office.

- **2015:** In March 2015, Governor Ducey signed legislation to permanently index Arizona's income tax brackets to inflation, effectively eliminating a hidden tax increase Arizonans had faced every year. The measure was critical to keep tax rates reasonable and predictable while further promoting the state's open-for-business agenda.
- **2016:** Arizona made it easier for companies to succeed and expand by increasing the depreciation deduction on the purchase of new equipment. As a result, Arizona is relieving the tax burden placed on companies and individuals in Arizona.
- **2017:** Governor Ducey signed into law H.B. 2528 which indexed the personal income exemption to inflation in Arizona, ensuring that Arizona residents wouldn't pay more in income taxes due to inflation.
- **2018:** Arizona increased the state's Individual Income Tax exemption for retired military veterans from \$2,500 to \$3,500, allowing Arizona veterans to keep more of their benefits.

- **2019:** Governor Ducey signed legislation to align the Arizona tax code with the then recently enacted Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed under the Trump administration, expanding the tax base for transaction privilege taxes and saving Arizona taxpayers an estimated \$30 million per year.
- **2020:** In his State of the State address, the governor again committed to “no new taxes; not this session, not next session; not here in this chamber, not at the ballot box, not on my watch.” The year included historic investments in schools and COVID-19 response, all without raising taxes.
- **2021:** Arizona passed the largest tax reform package in state history, cutting income taxes for every Arizonan and protecting small businesses from a 77.7 percent tax increase. Arizona now has the lowest flat tax in the country at 2.5 percent. The new tax reform eliminated taxes on veterans’ pensions, chipped away at commercial property taxes and encouraged charitable giving.
- **2022:** Arizona’s surging economy unlocked the state’s historic flat tax package a full year ahead of schedule. Governor Ducey directed the Department of Revenue to implement the next phase of Arizona’s 2.5 percent flat tax for tax year 2023, not 2024 as originally anticipated.





Regulation rollback: Governor Ducey vowed to eliminate or reduce bureaucratic regulations that were unreasonable and unfair to business owners and employees.

- One of the governor's first acts in office was to issue a moratorium on all new agency rulemaking. The measure was enacted every year from 2015 to 2022, continuing his record of cutting red tape, enabling job creation and spurring economic development. The moratorium was codified into law in 2022.
- Arizona has eliminated or improved over 3,365 regulations since 2015 – the equivalent of a \$183 million tax cut.

A Workforce Equipped for the Future: Arizona fostered a large pool of high-quality talent and available workers to fill the jobs created by the state's booming economy.

- People were moving to Arizona in droves. These newcomers don't lose their skills when they move states, so they shouldn't lose their licenses. In 2019, Arizona became the first state in the nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses for new residents, making it easier for new Arizonans to get to work. By 2022, Arizona issued nearly 4,700 licenses through the first-in-the-nation policy.
- With high-tech manufacturers moving to the state, Arizona has prioritized connecting industry leaders and community colleges to develop a curriculum and train a highly-skilled workforce. In Pinal County, Lucid Motors is coordinating with Central Arizona College at the Drive48 Facility, where 1,700 Lucid employees have been trained. Arizona also funded six more workforce accelerators at community colleges to train Arizonans in advanced engineering jobs.





Laying the Foundation for a Growing Arizona: Arizona's pro-business policies attract workers from across the nation. That means Arizona's infrastructure must keep up with its growth.

- Under Governor Ducey's leadership, Arizona has launched large-scale projects to widen, expand and improve major roadways.
- The governor announced a collaborative effort to widen Interstate 17 to three lanes along 15 miles between Anthem and Black Canyon City and build an 8-mile system of flex lanes on the grade between Black Canyon City and Sunset Point.
- Commuters, vacationers and commerce will see a smoother drive between Phoenix and Tucson, as Arizona invested \$400 million to widen Interstate 10. Known as the Wild Horse Pass Corridor, the segment between Chandler and Casa Grande is the last remaining stretch of highway between Arizona's two largest cities that has only two lanes.
- The Loop 202 South Mountain Freeway in Phoenix opened in 2019, marking the culmination of the largest single freeway project in state history. The project finished three years early and with \$100 million in savings through an innovative partnership.
- Governor Ducey's priority to modernize the state's transportation system also supported enhanced international trade relationships with Mexico. The SR-189 improvement project aimed to help increase international trade coming through Nogales by linking the Mariposa Port of Entry and Interstate 19. The project was completed in 2022.

- Under Governor Ducey's leadership, Arizona invested in better broadband connectivity. The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is adding broadband connectivity along Interstate 17, Interstate 19 and Interstate 40 West, thanks to investments made by the governor.
- The governor also prioritized enhancing connectivity in rural communities. Through the State Match Advantage for Rural Transportation (SMART) Fund, communities outside of the urban cores within Maricopa and Pima counties compete for and secure federal transportation grant monies to improve the state's transportation system.





Facts & Figures

- Added 500,000 jobs since 2015 and 3 million jobs for the first time in state history
- Lowest Arizona unemployment rate since 1976
- From 2010 to 2019, Arizona had the fourth-highest net in-migration of any state
- Labor market analyst EMSI ranked Maricopa County no. 1 on its 2021 Talent Attraction Scorecard
- Arizona has seen 294 million visitors, \$153 billion in visitor spending and \$23 billion in taxes collected over the past 8 years



**EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE**

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In 2014: Not only were too many Arizona school children graduating without the skills they needed for in-demand jobs, many did not have a basic understanding of American history and principles. Parents needed to be empowered with educational choices that were best for their children. More money needed to be spent in the classroom – rewarding teachers and enhancing learning for all students. Arizona’s schools needed to do better.



“Our kids will no longer be stuck in under-performing schools. In Arizona, we’ve made sure parents and their children have every opportunity for a quality education. We’re breaking the flatline in K-12 education and creating the new gold standard for educational freedom.”

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Educational freedom: Parents have more options and resources to take their kids to a school that fits their educational needs than ever before under Governor Ducey. He expanded educational freedom in Arizona to unseen heights, emphasizing that Arizona would fund students, not systems.

- After eight years of work, the governor signed legislation to expand Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) eligibility to every single K-12 student in the state.
- The effort to make Arizona the gold standard in educational freedom began during the governor’s first year in office. In 2015, he expanded the ESA program to include all children living on Native American reservations.
- Further enabling kids and families to access the school or learning program that best fits their unique needs – regardless of income, Arizona funded new transportation models.
- Governor Ducey led the charge to bring increased transparency to Arizona’s Open Enrollment system – ensuring parents no longer “camp out” in front of their school of choice and admission is done on a lottery basis.

Higher standards and higher expectations:

Governor Ducey emphasized the importance of focusing on teaching Arizona kids about the history and values of our nation through civics education.

- The first bill Governor Ducey signed into law was the American Civics Act, ensuring all Arizona students pass an American civics test before graduating high school. Arizona was the first state in the nation to enact such a law.
- Governor Ducey established Civics Celebration Day, where a majority of classroom instruction is devoted to civics education.
- Governor Ducey signed legislation to strengthen education about the Holocaust and other genocides in Arizona's schools. He also signed a bill to make teaching the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks mandatory in Arizona schools.
- The pandemic was not good for our students. Learning from home; no screens; bad scores. Governor Ducey launched a statewide summer camp for all students to catch up on their math, reading and civics – all at no cost to families.





Money spent in the classroom, stays in the

classroom: Each year from 2004 to 2014, school districts decreased the percentage of their resources allocated to classrooms. Almost 250 school districts and over 40 percent of the employment in district schools was not a teacher or a teacher's aide – the overhead costs were too high. Governor Ducey worked to ensure money would go to where it made the most good – rewarding superior teachers, and providing materials, supplies and technology in the classroom.

- Since January 2015, the state has made an \$11.8 billion cumulative investment in K-12 education.
- Following the per-pupil spending declines of the Great Recession, Arizona has increased the amount of state funding that is going to students on a per pupil basis every single year. In the 2006-07 school year, pre-recession per pupil funding was \$10,391 per pupil. Under Governor Ducey's leadership, in the 2021-22 school year, per pupil spending increased dramatically to \$14,656. Governor Ducey's final fiscal year budget included the most significant yearly increase for K-12 education funding in the last eight years – \$1.3 billion.
- Started in 2015, Governor Ducey spearheaded the Project Momentum Pilot. This program invests in evidence-based school improvement strategies. Due to overwhelming success, the Governor has now allocated over \$20 million in discretionary federal funding to expand it to eight districts, reaching over 100,000 students.

- Prop 123 was a historic plan to infuse Arizona's K-12 education system with an additional \$3.5 billion over 10 years from our State Land Trust Fund, without raising taxes and settling a multi-year lawsuit.
- Governor Ducey worked with the Arizona Legislature to extend Prop 301 for another 20 years. The voter-approved initiative passed in 2000 and provided millions of dollars annually in education funding. It was set to expire in 2021. The legislation signed by Governor Ducey extended it to 2041, providing certainty to Arizona schools.
- Governor Ducey championed the 20x2020 plan, a historic education funding measure to increase teacher salaries 20 percent by the school year 2020.
- The Arizona Teachers Academy, an initiative Governor Ducey announced in his 2017 State of the State Address, allows students who commit to teaching in an Arizona public school to graduate from college debt-free. Since the Arizona Teachers Academy's inception in 2017, 3,184 students have completed an academy program.



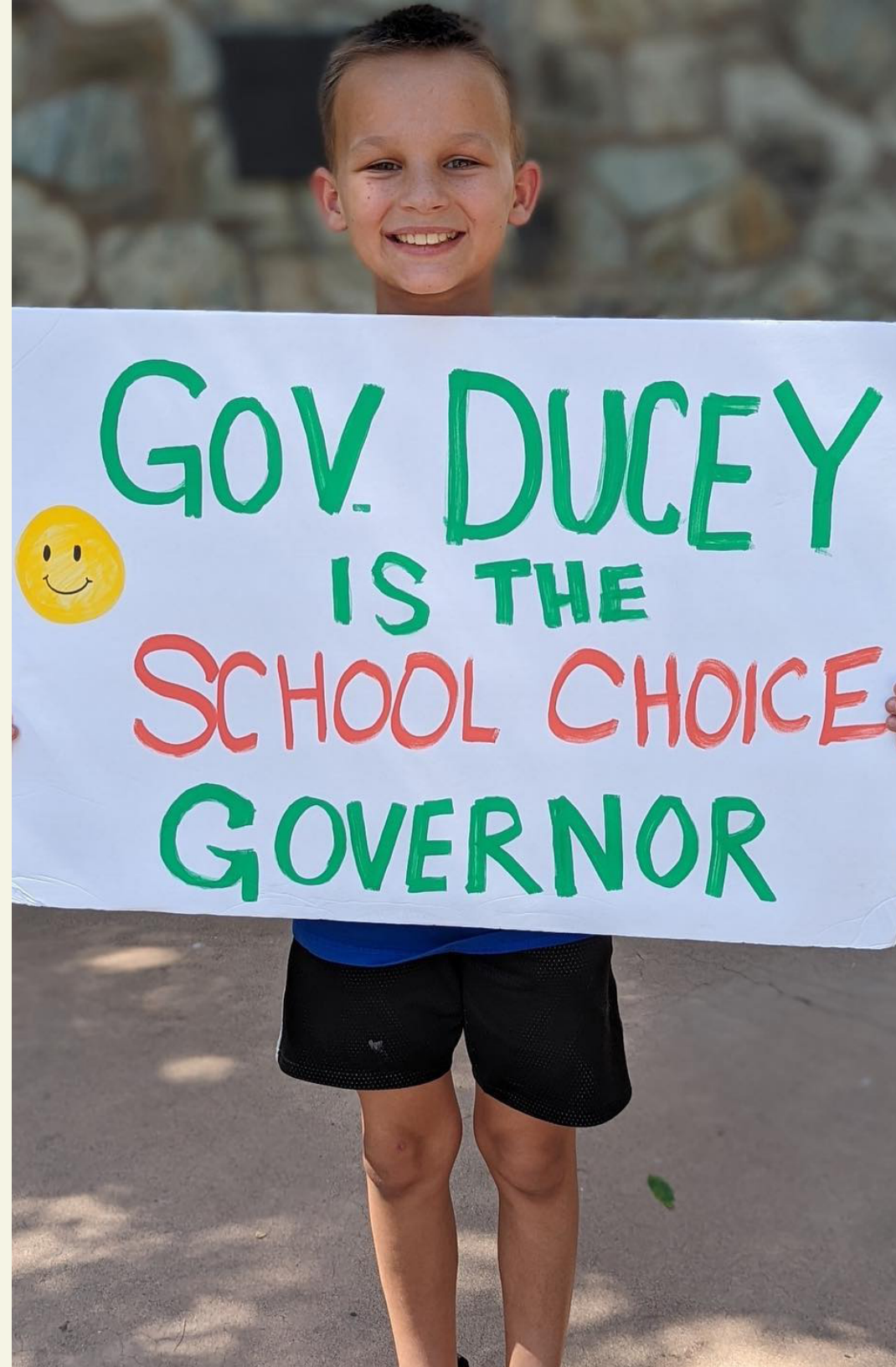


Universities: In 2015, Governor Ducey worked with education and community leaders to establish a statewide higher education goal of 60 percent of Arizona's adults holding a post high school credential by 2030. Some of the major initiatives Governor Ducey enacted to reach this goal include:

- Funding full fee-waivers for low-income high school students who take rigorous Advanced Placement (AP) exams, removing a barrier to earning college credit while in high school.
- Allowing community colleges to offer four-year degrees. The legislation signed by the governor paved the way for Arizona's future workforce and expanded opportunities for populations that are historically underrepresented in higher education. Furthermore, community colleges opting to offer bachelor degrees must approve each program based on specific criteria, including workforce need, a financial and administrative analysis of the feasibility of offering the program, and mitigating duplication.
- Expanding Career and Technical Education District schools to offer associate degrees for in-demand industries and careers as defined by the Office of Economic Opportunity and Arizona Department of Education. In-demand careers include health care, information technology, finance, manufacturing and transportation.
- Governor Ducey supported the universities' New Economy Initiative to boost postsecondary attainment and increase the number of graduates in high-demand industries. The initiative has expanded workforce development programs, enhanced college access for low-income Arizonans and catalyzed research innovations.

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- Arizona is the national leader in school choice and is ranked the best state for parental choice by the Center for Education Reform
- With expansive options for private, charter, and district schools, Arizona is best state for school choice according to the Heritage Foundation
- Thirteen schools in Arizona make the list for the top 100 high schools in the country in the latest rankings from U.S. News and World Report.





FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

In 2014: Arizona was spending way too much. Prior to the Ducey administration, Arizona was projected to have a cash deficit that would grow to over \$1 billion by 2016.



“One principle of business is that you generally shouldn’t spend more than you take in. This may seem like a novel concept, but we’ve taken the same approach to government. Instead of growing government unnecessarily, Arizona has taken a responsible, conservative approach to spending. We prioritize the things that matter most to Arizonans.”

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Budget: Under Governor Ducey’s leadership, Arizona balanced its budget and made responsible, targeted investments. Now, Arizona comfortably operates at a \$1 billion surplus. Additionally, Governor Ducey brought Arizona’s Rainy Day Fund to a record-breaking \$1.4 billion.

Paying down debt: Arizona made smart financial decisions under Governor Ducey’s leadership. Just like any Arizona family, the state tightened its belt and paid down its debts.

- By fiscal year 2016, Arizona had accumulated nearly \$4 billion in total debt obligations which the state was responsible to pay through 2031. Just eight years later, the Ducey administration paid down the total debt obligations by \$3.3 billion. This debt paydown included over \$1 billion in advanced debt payoffs as part of the fiscal years 2022 and 2023 budgets.
- Beyond paying down General Fund debt obligations, the Ducey administration has made tremendous strides in securing the financial security of the state’s pension systems. Between the fiscal years 2022 and 2023 budgets, Governor Ducey signed laws that appropriated more than \$2.1 billion to the state’s pension systems to pay down unfunded liabilities. This measure fully funded the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.



Shrinking government: Governor Ducey was dedicated to transforming the state government. The goal: fewer employees, higher efficiency, unrivaled customer service, a smaller building footprint and a reduced burden on hard-working taxpayers.

- Following Governor Ducey's directive to consolidate the amount of building space on the taxpayer roll, the State of Arizona removed one million square feet of state office space over eight years. From 2020 to 2022, this saved more than \$9 million in rental costs.
- Arizona's Connected Workspace: By June 2022, 41 percent of state employees worked remotely or in a hybrid capacity. The Arizona Department of Administration repurposed an old traditional office building to a state-of-the-art co-working space dedicated to the growing number of remote employees.

- Additionally, Governor Ducey's administration improved the customer service experiences across agencies throughout the state.
- Arizona Business One Stop: The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA) along with the Arizona Commerce Authority, the Arizona Secretary of State Office and the Arizona Department of Revenue, created an online portal that provides a single online location with tools to plan, start, grow, move, and close businesses in Arizona.
- Remote Work: ADOA found nearly a 20 percent increase in state employee efficiencies thanks to the incorporation of remote work practices.
- Under Governor Ducey's leadership, Arizona has 5,000 fewer government jobs than it did in December 2014, but more than 400,000 additional private sector jobs. At the same time, the state population grew by more than 536,000 people – serving more people with fewer government employees.





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In 2019, the credit rating company Moody's Investors Service upgraded Arizona's credit rating from Aa2 to Aa1, the second-highest rating Moody's offers. Arizona is also the only state to have received two ratings upgrades from Moody's in the past six years.



**HAPPY AND
HEALTHY CITIZENS**

In 2014: Governor Ducey's vision for Arizona depended on a strong, innovative economy supported by healthy citizens living in clean, safe communities. Arizona must protect the liberty and safety of its citizens.



"Whether you're a city dweller or live far from the hustle and bustle, a healthy Arizona delivers peace and prosperity for all, including our most vulnerable, with a rich, sustainable natural environment of clear skies, clean water and lands to safely roam, work and play."

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Securing Arizona's Water Future: Governor Ducey's smart, pragmatic policies secured Arizona's future for generations. To sustain Arizona's growth, a bold step to ensure Arizona remains a land of opportunity was needed. Together with legislative leaders, the governor signed historic legislation to secure the state's water future.

- In 2019, Governor Ducey signed historic legislation ratifying Arizona's Drought Contingency Plan, one of the most significant pieces of water legislation since the Groundwater Management Act of 1980. This legislation allows Arizona to join six other western states and Mexico in signing onto an inter-state water agreement and outlines where Arizona will contribute in conserving more water from the Colorado River.
- In 2022, Governor Ducey signed into law a bold plan to secure Arizona's water future and invest \$1 billion over three years to fund projects that will bring additional water to the state. The projects will help ensure that Arizona families, businesses and agriculture continue to have adequate long-term water supplies. The newly created Water Infrastructure Finance Authority board will oversee the projects.

Arizona uses less water than it did in 1957 with more than six times the population and 22 times the economy. The Arizona Water Banking Authority has stored 4 million acre-feet of water, which could supply enough for a year's worth of use for 12 million Phoenix-area households.

Healthy Forests: Governor Ducey took a proactive approach to protect people, pets and property from wildfires.

- The governor launched the Arizona Healthy Forest Initiative in 2021 to fight the threat of wildfires in Arizona and expand opportunities for low-risk inmates in the state's correctional facilities. This gives the offenders a pathway to a lifetime career in a field that provides both financial stability and personal fulfillment through serving their community.

In fiscal year 2022, the Healthy Forest Initiative treated 9,194 acres. In the following fiscal year, treated acres is estimated to be between 18,000 and 25,000. At the end of Governor Ducey's term, there were 22 projects underway and 14 in the planning stages to treat acreage on both federal and state land.





Reducing Recidivism: Governor Ducey led a comprehensive approach to reduce reentry and recidivism.

- Governor Ducey launched the Second Chance Initiative to help Arizona build safer communities and reduce recidivism by providing individuals with opportunity after incarceration. That same month, the State's first Second Chance Center opened to provide inmates with a 10-week program designed to prepare them for reentry in our communities and workforce.
- Since 2017, 5,521 inmates have graduated from Second Chance Centers, learning everything from soft skills such as interviewing and resume writing to employable skills, including HVAC, coding, and Commercial Drivers Licenses. These "returning citizens" are also connected with vital services through the Department of Economic Security (DES) and often receive job offers with private sector employers before leaving prison.
- When Governor Ducey created his Fundamentals Map and placed recidivism on it, this placed an emphasis on this measure which had not existed before. The creation of a Goal Council, consisting of a variety of stakeholders, to address the issue resulted in a number of projects which have positively impacted releasing inmates' ability to be successful.

Since Governor Ducey took office, Arizona's three year recidivism rate has decreased from 41.4 percent (fiscal year 2014) to 33.8 percent (fiscal year 2019). That's an overall 18.4 percent decrease in Arizona's recidivism rate.

Veterans: Governor Ducey has been dedicated to putting veterans first by lowering barriers to work. Governor Ducey has supported a variety of legislation and initiatives throughout the entirety of his administration to support Arizona's thousands of veterans and their families.

- Launched in March 2015, the "Arizona Roadmap To Veteran Employment" is a statewide effort that focuses on connecting service members, veterans, and their family members to employment opportunities, training, and resources. It was developed in partnership by Arizona Department of Veteran Services (ADVS), Arizona Coalition for Military Families, and public and private sector partners and shareholders.
- In May 2016, Governor Ducey signed legislation to provide tax relief to surviving spouses and surviving dependents of deceased members of the military.
- Arizona in 2017 launched the Be Connected program, which helps prevent veteran suicide by focusing on upstream prevention in the military, veteran and family population. The program connects Arizona service members, veterans, and their families to information, support and resources, across all social determinants of health, including employment, housing, essential needs, physical and mental health, and more through a statewide support line.
- Veterans across the state can use the ADVS Veteran Toolkit to access the resources and supplies needed to start working and connect with job opportunities. The Toolkit launched in 2017 and assists veterans with uniforms, work boots, tools, and more.
- Governor Ducey launched the AZHiresVets! Initiative with the goal to double the number of veterans in the state workforce by 2025.



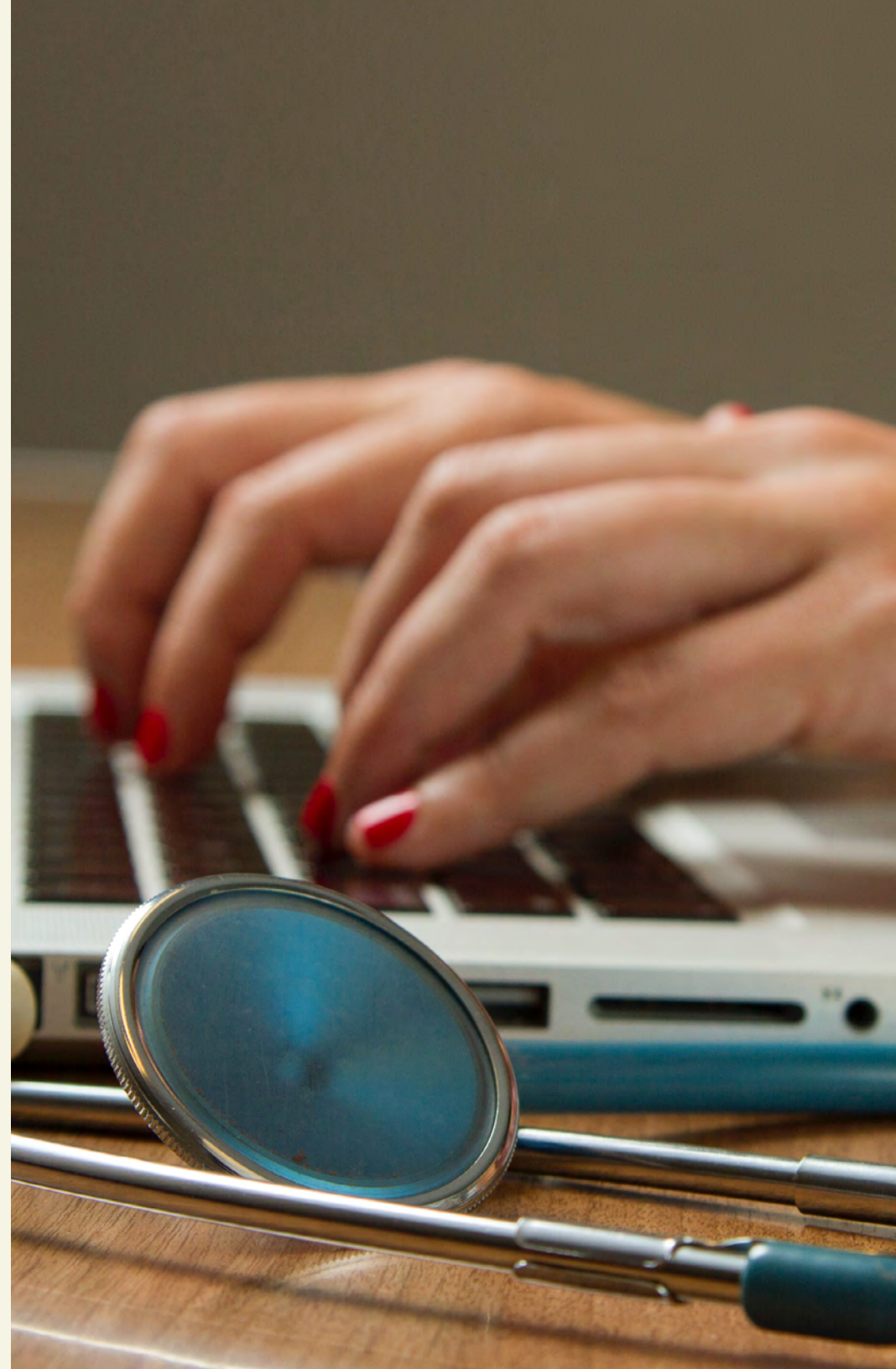


Housing: Governor Ducey took over a sluggish economy and a housing market that was still wounded by the 2008 crash. Further, Governor Ducey inherited an affordable housing incentive framework that was overregulated and burdensome to developers.

- Under Governor Ducey's leadership, the Arizona Department of Housing eliminated burdensome rules and regulations that put roadblocks in the way of affordable housing development. The department reformed its Low Income Housing Tax Credit Qualified Action Plan reducing it from more than 300 pages down to less than 50 pages. As a result, ADOH funded 2,539 new affordable housing units in fiscal year 2022 – a 194 percent increase over the previous year.
- Governor Ducey and the Arizona Department of Housing launched the Homeowner Assistance Fund in 2021 to help Arizona homeowners struggling financially to pay their mortgage and other home-related expenses.
- Governor Ducey signed the State Low Income Housing Tax Credit into law, which is expanding affordable housing development across Arizona, especially in rural areas.
- Arizona Housing Trust Fund, which may be utilized for affordable housing development, housing assistance programs and more. The governor's final state budget included \$60 million for the fund – an unprecedented amount of funding for the vital program.

Telehealth: This innovative health care program was vital during the pandemic for Arizonans to get in contact with their health care providers. Further committed to breaking down unnecessary barriers, Governor Ducey championed providing greater access to medical services.

- In another first-in-the-nation move, Arizona expanded telehealth coverage across the state, enabling more people to see their doctor online. Access to reliable and effective health care is especially critical for rural Arizonans, where there is a doctor shortage and often a long drive for medical care; and for snowbirds who want to be able to use their doctors at home instead of having a second set of doctors here in Arizona.





Judicial Appointments: Governor Ducey set out to ensure Arizona's courts are populated with people who understand the impact their decisions have on everyday lives and freedoms. With every appointment, the governor knew the men and women with the gavel matter.

- Governor Ducey made 122 judicial appointments while in office. More than 40 percent have been female – the highest rate of women judicial appointees in recent memory. Notably, the governor appointed Kathryn Hackett King to the Arizona Supreme Court in 2021.
- More than 18 percent of the governor's judicial appointees have been minorities. In 2016, Governor Ducey appointed John Lopez to the newly expanded Arizona Supreme Court. Lopez became the first Hispanic justice on the state Supreme Court.
- Even more committed to bipartisanship of the law, nearly 45 percent of Governor Ducey's judicial appointees were not from his own political party – this high rate of bipartisanship is the most in modern history.
- The Governor has appointed six Justices to the Arizona Supreme Court, 22 to the Court of Appeals, and 94 to the superior courts.



PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

In 2014: Governor Ducey pledged to safeguard Arizona's citizens; fully enforce the rights of crime victims; protect Arizona children from abuse; and exercise every authority of the governor to secure the border.



"When it comes to building a state budget, public safety is always at the top of the list. We've taken concrete, strong action to protect our citizens in every corner of the state. Our law enforcement put their lives on the line every day to safeguard our communities, and we made sure to give them the tools, resources and support they needed to do their jobs well."

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Border Security: When Governor Ducey took office, he knew the federal government was clueless when it came to border security. Arizonans lived with the consequences of a porous border. He pledged to use every authority granted to the governor to hold the federal government accountable for its consistent failure to meet this urgent law-enforcement obligation.

- In the first year of his administration, Governor Ducey created the Arizona Border Strike Force, a division of the Arizona Department of Public Safety. The mission is to protect Arizonans by stopping the flow of criminals, narcotics, weapons and ammunition trafficked in the state.
- In 2022, Governor Ducey and 25 other states launched the American Governors' Border Strike Force, modeled after Arizona's. In an August 2022 operation, the coordinated effort to secure the border seized 7,000 pounds of deadly drugs.
- In April 2021, Governor Ducey declared a state of emergency and deployed the Arizona National Guard to the state's southern border. The Governor also convened the State Emergency Council to immediately fund the mission with \$2.5 million as well as \$200,000 for county sheriffs.



Protecting abuse victims: Governor Ducey in 2014 committed to helping and protecting those who can't protect themselves. He worked to enhance tools and resources to do the job right. He pledged to fully protect the rights of crime victims.

- In a bipartisan effort, Governor Ducey, the Arizona Department of Child Safety and the Arizona Legislature worked to clear a massive backlog of unrest tape kits. In 2016, the Governor established the Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Task Force, to address the unacceptable injustice of untested rape kits in Arizona. Then, in 2017, the governor signed legislation to establish time limits, standards and reporting requirements for the processing of rape kits to ensure all future kits are tested. Going even further, in 2022, he signed legislation to ensure victims of a sexual crime are not charged for any part of the medical or forensic examination related to the crime.
- Under Governor Ducey's leadership, Arizona overcame the seemingly insurmountable challenge to safely reduce the number of children 0-17 years old in care to below 12,000; the lowest level since March 2012. By 2022, there are under 12,000 children 0-17 years old in care and around 1,000 young adults aged 18-20 in voluntary extended foster care; reflecting a 30 percent decrease from a peak of 18,657 kids in 2016.
- In 2017, the Arizona Department of Child Safety cleared an inactive case backlog of more than 16,000 cases.

Public Safety: Governor Ducey believed that the government's number one responsibility is keeping its citizens and homeland safe.

- Signed the bipartisan Opioid Epidemic Act in 2017 to tackle the opioid crisis in Arizona.
- In 2018, Governor Ducey signed HB 2243, which made it so wrong-way drivers under the influence would now face felony charges. Arizona's budget also included \$1.4 million for additional troopers on wrong-way driver night watch.





FACTS & FIGURES

- From the inception of the Border Strike Force to the end of the Ducey administration, law enforcement seized nearly 821 pounds of heroin, more than 2,140 pounds of cocaine, more than 14,500 pounds of methamphetamine and nearly 1,575 pounds of fentanyl.
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